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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please consider the following. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 39 and 47 and add new claims to provide as follows.

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39. (Amended) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 26, wherein said cellular graft comprises cardiomyocyte cells intercellularly coupled to cardiomyocyte cells of said myocardial tissue by junctional complexes.